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THE Environment Agency (EA) has promised it is working with Kingston Council and Thames Water to prevent future storm flooding in Kingston after last week's torrential rainfall.

Several roads were left under water and two EU referendum polling stations, one in Chessington and the other in New Malden, were moved after flooding last Thursday.

Surface flooding was particularly severe in New Malden and Worcester Park, with water spewing from drains and blocking busy commuter routes.

The EA said £200,000 had been spent on flooding research in Kingston in the past two years alone by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

A Thames Water spokeswoman said: "Our sewers are designed to cope with the vast majority of storms but occasionally rainfall can be so heavy that it overwhelms the system."

"The water and sewer systems are completely separate. This has nothing to do with the burst water main which affected the station last year."

Flooding in the rail underpass in Kingston Road, New Malden, closed the road for some hours last Thursday morning.

The same underpass was heavily flooded in July 2014 and again after a water main burst in June last year.

New Malden councillor Raju Pandya said: "It needs to be thoroughly investigated. The thing is that area is getting flooded every time. Every time we've had an incident, we've had a marvellous response from residents coming to help."

"It's causing a lot of inconvenience and discomfort to the residents and it's most unfortunate."

The borough is also located in the Hogsmill River catchment area, leaving homes at risk when the river overflows.

An EA spokeswoman said: "The agency continues to work with partners in Kingston to reduce the

## SPLASH THE CASH

Plans to  
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Deluge: Central Road, Worcester Park.  
Inset: Water gushes out of a drain

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risk of flooding from both surface water and river flooding.

"Kingston is currently modelling options which could be implemented in the next few years with further funding."

"The EA is progressing a £4.7m flood alleviation scheme to protect Kingston town centre and around 500 properties from

the Hogsmill."

Cllr Phil Doyle, cabinet member for environment, said: "We have been working closely with the EA to investigate how we can better manage flooding within the borough."

Kingston and Surbiton MP James Berry met with fellow south-eastern MPs on Tuesday

to discuss the River Thames Scheme, a Government initiative designed to reduce flooding near the river.

He said: "I'm fully supportive of this Thames River Scheme as long as Kingston only pays a fair price. I think the council needs to focus its funding together with the EA in those hotspot areas."



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**MAN BANNED:** A drink-driver has been banned from the road for three years after he was caught behind the wheel of a Land Rover while more than twice over the limit. Micheal Massaquoi, 52, of Stapleford Close, Kingston, was also fined £345 at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on June 17.

**TRAIN BOOST:** South West Trains has completed a £65 million investment programme to allow room for about 23,000 extra peak time passengers. More than 70 extra morning and evening services will now be run by the rail provider – thanks to the introduction of 108 new carriages across their services, including those running through Kingston.

**DRUNK DRIVER:** A man caught more than three times the drink-drive limit behind the wheel of a Subaru Impreza has been banned from the road for 30 months. James Garnett, 44, of Cobham Road, Kingston, must also undergo six months' treatment for alcohol dependency, Wimbledon magistrates ordered on June 16.

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## Council leader's concern that falling stock market will wipe money out of retirement funds

# Brexit sparks fears over pensions



Brexit vote: Prime Minister contender Boris Johnson with James Berry; flooding at EU polling station in Devon Way, Chessington

pointed and feel anxious about the future of both the UK and Europe – as well as about my place within it and that of my family.

"I believe that the referendum campaign has played on nationalist and anti-immigrant sentiments and Britain's withdrawal from the EU will further bring to the fore right-wing populist and intolerant discourses.

"In this context, as distant as it may seem, the prospect of the dissolution of the EU could become a reality.

"We need to ensure that British universities such as Kingston University remain regionally and globally outward-looking and maintain key international networks."

Kingston and Surbiton MP James Berry looked to reassure EU nationals living in the borough, though he acknowledged that the referendum had exposed some 'deep divisions in our society'.

In a statement, Mr Berry said: "I have spoken to a number of EU nationals who live and work in Kingston who are fearful about their position.

"I will be pushing for what I think is the only fair solution, which is that EU nationals living and working here and Brits living on the continent before the referendum have their positions preserved."

London Mayor Sadiq Khan applauded the 'enormous contribution' of European migrants living and working in the capital and called for more autonomy after the majority of London boroughs voted to remain.

An online petition calling on the new mayor to declare London an independent city-state had gathered more than 175,000 signatures by the time this paper went to press. But he shot down the suggestion at this week's Times CEO conference.

Mr Khan told business leaders: "On behalf of all Londoners, I am demanding more autonomy for the capital, right now.

"More autonomy in order to protect London's economy from the uncertainty ahead, to protect the businesses from around the world who trade here and to protect our jobs, wealth and prosperity."

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KINGSTON faces a period of uncertainty after last week's Brexit vote with particular fears for Kingston Council's pension pot.

After the result was announced Sterling sank to a 31-year low against the dollar and plunged the country into economic uncertainty.

The UK's pension funding hole hit a record high of £900bn, with pensions minister Ros Altmann having warned before the referendum that up to £300bn could be wiped off residents' retirement funds.

Council leader Kevin Davis said: "The short term worry will be our pension scheme – that will be a risk for us. We met with officers a couple of weeks ago to talk through the situation. The reality is we don't actually know.

"There is clearly going to be uncertainty. At the moment there aren't any other major pressures, apart from any existing EU bonds that we have outstanding."

Some 17.4 million people voted to leave the European Union

compared to 16.1 million people voting to remain, a margin of less than four per cent. In Kingston, most residents voted to stay, 52,533 votes to 32,737.

Jerry Irving, chief executive of Kingston's Chamber of Commerce, said: "From the business community's perspective, they're very disappointed with the outcome.

"It's not the end of the world. We've got good businesses in Kingston. The business economy in Kingston is quite vibrant, it's got quite a good spread.

"There's a lot of water to pass under the bridge in the next few months, but we need to stay calm."

Immigration was one of the most heated and controversial debates surrounding the referendum, with UKIP leader Nigel Farage calling it the 'defining issue'.

In the days after the referendum more than 100 incidents of racial abuse and hate crime have been reported UK-wide.

Dr Radu Cinpoes, head of politics at Kingston University, said that the result could see the radical right rise across Europe and lead to the dissolution of the EU.

He said: "I'm extremely disap-

## Council won't hire Twitter outrage law firm

KINGSTON Council has distanced itself from a law firm whose director described a victory over a family seeking educational support for a disabled child as "a great win".

The council clarified its relationship with Baker Small after questions from residents on Twitter.

The firm was criticised after director Mark Small posted that a legal victory was "a great win"

that sent "parents into a storm".

Kingston Council originally tweeted it had "no plans to terminate its working relationship" with Baker Small, before saying it would be "reviewing its contract".

The following day it said it had only used the law firm "several years ago" to prepare a legal case and training and that there was never a contract in place.

The authority said: "We are

shocked by Baker Small's comments which show utter disregard for parents and families who have children with disabilities.

"We have no intention of using Baker Small now or in the future."

Mr Small had hailed a tribunal win and said "funny thing is parents think they've won". He later posted a picture of a kitten laughing.

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## Bent given drugs fine

**CHESSINGTON** World of Adventures was just not exciting enough for ex-Premier League footballer Marcus Bent, who has been convicted of carrying cocaine at the theme park.

The journeyman striker, who played for clubs that include Everton, Ipswich Town, Crystal Palace and Blackburn Rovers, was arrested last Monday after he was caught with the class A drug.

Having been detained overnight, Bent, who lives in Bridge Road, East Molesey, appeared before Wimbledon Magistrates' Court and pleaded guilty to one count of possession of cocaine last Tuesday. He was fined £385 and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Earlier this year, Bent, 38, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, for affray and possession of cocaine.

Over his career, which began at Brentford in 1995, he appeared for 14 clubs, playing 574 games and scoring 113 goals.

The former England under-21 international was named Premier League player of the month in January 2002, during his spell with Ipswich. His various transfer fees totalled more than £10 million.

Bereaved mum creates unique way of telling others that a baby has died

# Butterfly logo will convey a poignant message of loss

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A **CHESSINGTON** mother who gave birth to twin girls, knowing one of them would die shortly after being born, has created a butterfly logo to display on hospital beds to let other new parents know that a baby has not survived.

Millie Smith, 24, of Fircroft Road in Chessington, prematurely gave birth to daughters Callie and Skye on April 30.

Twelve weeks into her pregnancy, Miss Smith and partner Lewis Cann, 25, learnt that Skye had anencephaly, a condition where the skull does not properly form leaving the brain exposed, and she died a few hours after being born.

Miss Smith said: "I was in a neonatal ward with Callie, and there were three sets of twins crying.

"A parent who didn't know what I'd been through turned to me and said, 'You are so lucky you don't have twins.'



Purple butterflies: Millie Smith with Lewis Cann and Callie

"It just broke me. I know the mother would have felt bad if she knew how her words affected me."

Miss Smith came up with the idea of a laminated purple butterfly that midwives can put on maternity beds as a symbol to let other parents

know that a baby was part of a multiple pregnancy, but did not survive.

She said: "Some days I didn't want to talk about it and some days I did.

"I thought there was something we could put to make people know it happened

but that I didn't want to talk about it. People kept saying 'Rest in peace,' but it's quite morbid. I only came up with it about two weeks ago."

She added: "We set up Skye High to support Kingston Hospital and, long-term, I'd like to take it across the country but we'll need more funding.

"I've had messages from hundreds of people from all over the world in Australia and America."

The couple hope to raise £10,000 for a counsellor at Kingston Hospital to help support parents during and after the post-natal period if their child has died.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "We are very happy to support Millie in developing the butterfly concept as an option for parents who have lost one of their babies, but still have a surviving baby on the unit.

"Some of the best initiatives and ideas come from parents who have used the neonatal unit.

"The scheme is a lovely way of honouring Skye."

**FOOTIE GONG:** AFC Wimbledon has been recognised by the English Football League for providing a "super" match day experience at Kingsmeadow. The club, which hopes to leave Kingsmeadow within the next few years, won gold at the European Professional Football Leagues' Best Practice Awards. Chairman Eric Samuelson said he was "proud" at the achievement.

**HOME STYLE:** Kingston's Riverside restaurant scene has bagged another big name, with American home-style brand Jackson and Rye due to move in this autumn. The chain already has restaurants in Soho, Richmond and Chiswick. Its Kingston site will have 24 outdoor seats and 128 inside.

**£3,400 RAISED:** Employees at a New Malden recruitment firm raised some £3,400 for UK children's hospices after trekking 26 miles through the Pennines. Five workers at Hays, in New Malden High Street, began the Power Peak Challenge on June 10 and finished two days later. A proportion of the money will go to Surrey-based charity Shooting Star Chase.

**SHOP CLOSING:** A record shop that opened in 1962 has been given its closure date after Royal Mail won an appeal to turn the building into a customer service depot and toilets. Langley Records, owned by Geoff Langley, 80, in West Molesey will close on August 31. A Royal Mail spokeswoman said: "We plan for work to start once we have vacant possession."

## Food, music and dance to mark 25 years of supporting refugees



A night to remember: Performers at All Saints Church

**REFUGEES** who have sought solace in Kingston over the past two decades have paid tribute to Refugee Action Kingston (RAK) on its 25th anniversary.

The group held a night of talks, music, dancing

and food at All Saints Church in Market Place to coincide with the first day of Refugee Week on Monday, June 20.

Refugees who fled to Kingston praised the group in a series of testimonials.

Maurice Wren, chief executive of RAK said: "Refugee Action Kingston has been a beacon of hope for 25 years, standing by refugees in need, helping them to live safe and fulfilling lives in the UK."

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## Pupils set for Wimbledon roles



Ball boys: Southborough pupils Tyrell Muchina, Aaron Smith and Brett Shepherd

STUDENTS from Southborough High School in Surbiton will play their part in the Wimbledon tennis championships this week as ball boys.

The school is one of the country's largest providers of ball boys to the

tournament. A spokeswoman for the school said: "Over the years, these organisers have certainly got to know our boys – and they know without a shadow of a doubt that they will do an exceptional job."

Controversial third runway was to be announced July 7-8

# Airport expansion is in doubt after Brexit vote

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LAST week's Brexit vote could mean Heathrow expansion will not go ahead, especially if Boris Johnson succeeds David Cameron as Prime Minister, according to campaigners.

The EU referendum result and Mr Cameron's subsequent announcement he would resign has cast doubt on whether the Government would announce its decision over a third runway at the airport on July 7-8 as previously indicated.

Stop Heathrow Expansion campaign coordinator, Robert Barnstone, said the referendum result revealed early last Friday morning suggested a new timetable for a runway announcement may appear.

He said: "If a leading Brexiteer and Heathrow expansion opponent, such as Boris Johnson, becomes the new Prime Minister this autumn, it could mean a very different situation on the question of runway capacity in London and the South East."

"David Cameron, with his term as Prime Minister now entering its final phase, is unlikely to want to cause further damage within his own ranks on whether the highly controversial expansion of Heathrow goes ahead. A decision previously pencilled in for a fortnight's time now looks substantially less likely."

John Stewart, chairman of campaign group Hacan, agreed and said the Brexit vote cast doubts over whether the third runway would ever be given the green light.

He said: "The Prime Minister and the Chancellor have lost the



Campaign: Anti-Heathrow-expansionist hopes have been boosted by last week's Brexit vote

fight of their lives. 'Outers' like Boris Johnson, who is fiercely opposed to Heathrow expansion, have won. At the very least, a decision on a new runway must now be up in the air.

"A new Prime Minister would want to look again at its desirability, its deliverability and the cost its related rail and road infrastructure would impose on the public purse."

"The Government had pencilled in July 7 or 8 to announce its runway decision."

"It may confirm its intentions over the next few days but it would be surprising if a lame-duck Prime Minister risked further splits within the Conservative Party by making such a controversial decision just weeks before he leaves office."

A spokesman from Heathrow

said the case for expansion was stronger than ever before and only the west London airport can help Britain be a great trading nation.

He said: "It is the keystone that connects businesses of every size to markets across the world as the UK's only global hub airport."

"Global connections are critical for a new outward-looking UK to help our businesses and economy to thrive – and with expansion we can deliver up to 40 new destinations."

"We are confident that the Government will make the right choice for the future of the UK, putting the interests of the country first."

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## Zookeepers' spider award

SCARED of spiders?

Then you may not be too happy with Chessington World of Adventures (CWoA), whose zookeepers have just been given an award for helping release 400 of the UK's largest eight-legged terrors into the wild.

The tourist attraction released fen raft spiderlings, known as the largest of the nation's 660 species of spider, into the wild as part of a conservation effort for the endangered species.

The zookeepers have been working since 2011 to help the arachnids, which are a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act due to their high risk of extinction.

According to buglife.org.uk, fen raft spiders feed off fellow smaller spiders, but the females are also 'very caring mothers'.

## Students to play festival



Stage: Mazie Lovern, Isabella Ross and Molly Brown

HOLLYFIELD School drama students have been selected to perform at the Dorfman Theatre after entering the National Theatre's Connections Festival.

To mark its 21st anniversary, 500 schools and youth groups

performed plays written for the National Theatre. The Surbiton school's theatre company Ilex was one of 12 chosen to perform on July 1.

The students, aged 11-17, will perform *It Snows*.





High praise: Tom Holland has made an impression on Stan Lee

## ‘Born to play Spider-Man’

SOUTH London actor Tom Holland is so good in his role as Spider-Man that the character’s originator Stan Lee believes he could not have created a living being to be better: Mr Holland, who was raised in Kingston, shone in this year’s *Captain America: Civil War* blockbuster as web-slinger Peter Parker.

Marvel Comics legend Mr Lee told Denver Comic Con that Holland’s work was “wonderful”. Lee added: “I can’t believe it. It’s as if we created a living being to be Spider-Man, and it turned out to be him.”

Mr Holland is set to reprise his role in next year’s *Spider-Man: Homecoming*.

# Poll of 1k nurses also shows that 33% want more time to see to patients

## Four in five nurses say NHS in the capital cannot cope

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LESS than a fifth of nurses in London believe the capital’s health services can cope with demand, a survey has claimed.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) said that a third of nurses wanted more time to care for patients and 71 per cent blamed an ageing population for increased pressure.

The figures, based on a survey of 1,000 nurses, were released ahead of the union’s annual congress in Glasgow.

RCN London regional director Bernell Bussue said: “The NHS financial pressures are very real and cannot be ignored.

“A concerted effort to put nursing at the heart of new models of care, as well as providing adequate social care, will go a long way towards helping to meet demand.

“Nursing staff are already



**Under pressure: Just one in five London nurses believe the capital’s NHS can cope with demand**

feeling the impact of an ageing population and it is simply not sustainable to have the same number of staff caring for increasing numbers of patients. The nursing workforce needs to be given the tools and opportunity to adapt to London’s changing care needs.

“It’s not just about having more nurses, but having the right specialist nurses in the right settings.”

But a Department of Health spokesman said: “NHS staff are our greatest asset – that’s why there are already 10,800 more nurses on our wards since 2010, as well as 50,000 nurses in training for the future.

“The NHS is busy, but performing well – with 1.6 million more operations taking place each year compared to 2010.”

The RCN added that a third of nurses said most of their patients needed care because of preventable lifestyle choices such as obesity and smoking.

Councils’ public health budgets, used for anti-smoking, anti-suicide and other campaigns, have been repeatedly slashed in the past year.

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being "extremely busy" throughout the day, a National Rail survey had shown 81 per cent of passengers were satisfied. She added: "We are investing and working hard to provide more space for passengers and recently completed the £65million introduction of 108 additional and refurbished carriages."

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## Roads could be transformed by scheme to boost bike usage New cycle tracks 'will keep borough moving'

REPORTER

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PLANS to build European-style cycling tracks through Kingston could see the borough's road network completely transformed.

Kingston Council launched four consultations last week into plans for the next phase of its mini-Holland projects, including completely removing the Fountain roundabout in New Malden and creating new cycling hubs in Kingston town centre.

Construction has already begun on some elements of the £33 million project, including a segregated cycle lane in Portsmouth Road. The original estimate cost of that scheme has more than doubled to about £3.2 million.

Cllr Terry Paton, portfolio holder for Go Cycle, the authority's name for the mini-Holland programme, said: "With some 50,000 additional people moving about the borough by 2050, we need to look at ways of relieving pressures of a growing popula-

tion on the borough's transport network. Go Cycle is about keeping Kingston moving and improving connectivity across the borough."

Artists' impressions have been released for the redevelopment of four key areas, including Kingston station, Wheatfield Way, New Malden's Fountain roundabout and parts of Surbiton.

As part of the scheme Surbiton Crescent will also be closed for four to six months in a bid to divert traffic and "improve safety for cyclists", which will begin in August.

Kingston Cycling Campaign declined to comment on the plans until after a meeting with Kingston Council.

Overall the council has identified 10 mini-Holland development schemes, having secured funding from City Hall and Transport for London back in March 2014.

The original plans included creating an elevated "super-skyway" over the Thames and turning Kingston station into a cyclist-only plaza with an underpass for cars.



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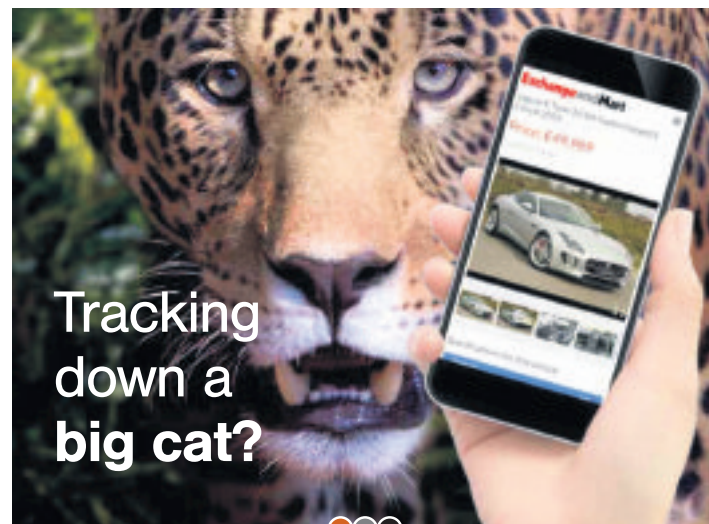
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New bid to build 705 homes includes removal of two blocks

# Developer reveals new designs for Tolworth



New plans: How the Tolworth site could look

Meyer Bergman/JTP

## REPORTER

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DEVELOPERS faced a grilling as they presented renewed plans to build 705 homes on Tolworth's Toby Jug site – more than a decade after designs first surfaced.

European investment firm Meyer Bergman aims to build the homes on the site in Hook Rise South near Tolworth station. It will also build a doctor's surgery, nursery, convenience store and 356 car parking spaces.

It presented its second planning application at a development control committee pre-decision meeting at the Richard Mayo Centre, in Eden Street, last Monday. A previous application was rejected in March due to its scale and density.

The renewed proposals, devel-

oped by architecture firm JTP, include the removal of the two tallest blocks, which were 15 and 18 storeys in height, and the creation of a town square.

Marcus Adams, managing partner of JTP, said: "We've taken those buildings out and we've opened up the square. We believe hopefully the changes around the station will have a real benefit. The new square we think is a real opportunity within the site."

Transport for London (TfL) said the application fit with its plans for London, and that traffic concerns had been alleviated.

But residents and councillors questioned why the number of homes had not changed.

Former Tolworth and Hook Rise councillor Rolson Davies said: "Fundamentally there is no change to what they were previously asking for apart from

tweaking. It doesn't address the fundamental issue of the scale and density of the site."

Alexandra councillor Ian George said: "We've still got the same application, the same numbers. How can we be sure that those 705 homes can all fit into this layout?"

"It isn't in keeping with this area, the density is a huge issue. Are you going to force us to have a controlled parking zone? Otherwise that TfL result doesn't mean a thing."

Councillors on the committee were not allowed to comment for procedural reasons, but did question the developers on air quality, density and why they had chosen to only submit an outline application.

The application will be decided at a development control committee meeting at the Guildhall on Wednesday, July 6.

## Dancers show off moves



What a show: London Dance Film Festival

Beth Crosland

DANCERS took to Market Place in Kingston town centre to show off their moves as part of the Frame Dance Film Festival last weekend.

More than 122 films were screened, including Rideout's Eadward which was prefaced by an introduction from the Bal-

letBoyz troupe alongside famed dancer Darcy Bussell.

The three-day festival also celebrated the contribution of British filmmaking to musicals over the last 40 years, also paying tribute to one of dance's greatest screen stars Gene Kelly with three of his films on display.

## Care charity's 70th birthday

A KINGSTON charity that provides care services for the borough's elderly has celebrated its 70th birthday.

Staywell, which is the largest charity in Kingston, celebrated the milestone at a party at its care home Raleigh House, in Nelson Road, New Malden, on Thursday, June 9.

Residents at the home were joined by Kingston MP James Berry as well as deputy mayor Rowena Bass.

Shane Brennan, chief executive of Staywell, said: "Over the last seven decades, we have evolved and grown while remaining dedicated to the aims established in 1946 – of supporting people to live independently and connected with their communities."

## Most cops live outside borough

MORE than half of Kingston police officers live outside London, statistics show.

The figures, which show 54 per cent of Kingston's officers live outside the capital, were released by London Assembly member Sian Berry to highlight the "lack of progress" in a Metropolitan Police drive to recruit more London-based officers. On average 49 per cent of Met officers live in London and just 6.8 per cent in the borough they work in.

Ms Berry said: "I think that the service to Londoners – and our community's confidence in that service – would

be improved if more borough police officers were drawn from and lived within the areas they serve."

The Met introduced a residency requirement in August 2014 meaning new recruits must have lived in London for three out of the last six years. A Met spokesman said: "We recognise that Londoners have the knowledge and understanding of local issues, the diverse range of communities and an inbuilt insight into London's varied cultures."

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## Editor of Europe's largest editorial-led free newspaper series

# Tributes to journalist praised by Kray twins

REPORTER

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A FORMER newspaper editor whose crime reporting earned praise from the notorious Kray twins has died aged 68.

Vince Price was editor of the award-winning *West London Informer* group, which he set up from above a shop in Kingston with just a handful of colleagues and built up to be the largest editorial-led free newspaper series in Europe.

He died after battling cancer and his ashes will be scattered along the tracks of the Bluebell steam railway in Sussex, at his request.

Mr Price built up a team of more than 30 journalists and created 13 editions for the *Informer* with a combined distribution of 850,000 copies a week, including the *Kingston Informer*.

Its biggest title, the *Staines Informer*, used to carry 120 pages.

Mr Price, from Enfield, started in newspapers in 1966 as a photographer on the *Walthamstow* and *Leyton Guardian*.



Legend: Mr Price Keith Stretten

His passion for photography was something he would carry throughout his career and life.

Mr Price's days as a reporter began by chance after he accidentally stumbled upon a murder while driving home from a photography job.

Being the first journalist to arrive at the scene he secured a picture exclusive and soon joined the *Walthamstow Guardian*.

ian's crime desk.

After rising through the ranks and establishing a reputation on the crime beat, he built invaluable contacts and would frequently receive praise from his colleagues and peers.

He once reportedly received a phone call from an associate of the famous 1960s gangsters the Kray twins, who complimented him for 'telling it like it is'.

Mr Price then spent a short time as a sub-editor for the *Harlow Gazette* in 1976, before moving on to create the *Informer*.

By the time he left in 1987 the series was the largest in Europe.

Numerous spells at magazines across the capital followed, including time at satirical magazine *Punch*.

He spent his retirement with his partner Anne in Cambridge-shire, where he was able to indulge his great love of steam railways and canals.

Having flourished as a city crime reporter, he spent his final five years writing articles on the simplicity of country life.

He was lauded in obituaries in trade media the *Press Gazette* and *HoldTheFrontPage*.

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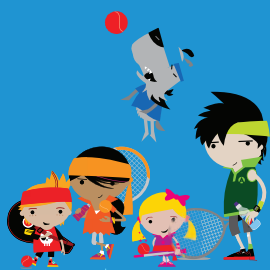
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## New name

IN LIGHT of the events which have happened, I doubt whether the late Jack Goodchild, former president of the Ks Supporters' Club, would still want his name to be used for the only road into the Kingsmeadow stadium. (Ks are homeless, *Kingston Guardian*, June 9.)

I therefore suggest it be changed to Plough Lane, Kingston, or some other more appropriate name following the expulsion of his beloved Kingstonian from the stadium, prior to the 2023 date which I understand was fixed from the original sub-lease.

**LAURENCE COOLEY**  
Tolworth

## Ks' future

THERE is more to where Kingstonian FC will play in future than just football. Your previous report assumes Ks will end up at south Chessington, feeding the developers' intentions towards the former golf centre on the green belt.

If Cllr Tolley sees beyond Ks and recognises his Chessington colleagues' opposition to the development, his quotes omit this.

Also, a groundshare with Corinthian Casuals in Tolworth would impact on Hook Rise South, already threatened by development at the Toby Jug end, particularly so without a second exit from the Casuals' ground into Chessington industrial estate.

A couple who support AFC Wimbledon and see the Kingsmeadow saga solely from

their team's angle may possibly think Ks suited to Chessington.

However I walk with Kingston Ramblers and know the footpath from Green Lane to Chessington South station. This was pushed aside in about 2000 when the golf course was laid out and is now liable to be surrounded by flats and to lose its view.

**MICHAEL HOPE**  
Tolworth

## UK beaches

THERE seems to be a determined attempt to paint all EU directives as pernicious interference.

## Borough view



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## Site service

AT HEALTHWATCH Kingston, we read with great interest your article on the imminent closure of Grays Medical Practice and the possibility that another local practice may provide services. We are also closely watching the development of services in Surbiton to replace Gosbury Hill Health Centre, and will be pursuing these issues through our membership of various CCG committees and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**LIZ MEERABEAU**  
Healthwatch Kingston

# Noisy flights disrupt my sleep

THE noise from flights taking off from Heathrow on Thursday, June 16, was particularly disruptive in north Kingston and worse than I have noticed before.

From 11pm to 11.30pm there were eleven flights taking off over Twickenham and North Kingston (KT2 postcode), heading south east. Still more flights took off over Surbiton, Thames Ditton and Ealing totalling twenty-three in thirty minutes, as shown on the "WebTrak" airliner tracker.

There was even a departure from Heathrow at a quarter to one in the morning. For me, trying to get to sleep, the noise was very intrusive.

Heathrow say that there are no scheduled departures after 11pm, and yet are unable to explain why there were so many

flights after this time of night.

The only way to complain is to contact Heathrow itself, not the Department for Transport (DfT) or an independent body.

I'm told that the DfT monitors the number of complaints that Heathrow receives. I do not know whether Heathrow Airport Ltd shares all the complaints it receives with the ministry but I shall continue submitting complaints.

Heathrow proposes a third runway – something that I can only think would make noise matters worse – and I am pleased that Zac Goldsmith MP has been arguing against it.

I truly hope he's successful and can also do something to rein in these night flights.

**JON FRAY**  
Cowper Road, Kingston

## If only I had taken a punt on Boris to be the PM years ago

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them

### 5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

1. More than 10 years ago, long before he ever dreamed of becoming London Mayor, I announced Boris Johnson would one day be prime minister of our great country. I was branded a clown for daring to even suggest such a man might lead us. If only I'd taken up a bet at the odds I would have got then. Ah well, how bad could it be with the two blond bombshells Trump and Bojo leading the Western world? Don't laugh, many thought Brexit would never happen.

2. On a lighter note, why were wasps invented? I hadn't been stung for years until this week and actually it wasn't that bad.

I think the fear of being stung is far worse than the actual event. When I was at school we used to keep wasps as pets by removing their stings and slightly cropping a wing – you could then have any number of them crawling all over you harmlessly.

3. Judging by the performance of my 'extensive' stock portfolio something must have happened last week. But some of the claims following the Brexit decision are getting ridiculous. Why does the Gatwick CEO believe this decision means his airport

is now more entitled to a new runway than Heathrow? Mind you, calls for Liverpool to be made an independent republic are far more sensible – speaking as someone living in London, I back this 100 per cent.

4. That mobile phones are an incredibly useful tool in the modern world is beyond doubt. But they are rapidly becoming a means of defence too.

Youngsters are glued to them night and day. But increasingly I notice adults use them as an excuse not to interact with fellow humans.



At one time you used to pass the time of day when you met someone in a lift, but now they will always pretend to check a text.

5. And finally, I know certain sayings on pub walls can become very tiresome and I'm sure many of you will have seen this one before, but as someone with an expanding waistline I did enjoy the call to stay safe by eating more pies.

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# THIS WEEK'S REASONS TO GO OUT

**COMEDY** – Banana Cabaret at the Bedford, Balham, on Saturday:

Next week the Bedford hosts its huge comedy festival but you can get into the swing of things early with a night of stellar stand-up featuring Jeff Innocent, Tez Ilyas and John Fothergill. Tickets cost £16. Go to [bananacabaret.co.uk](http://bananacabaret.co.uk)

**MUSIC** – Garage Legends at the London Grand, Battersea, on Friday:

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**THEATRE** – Macbeth at New Wim-

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**FILM** – The Legend of Tarzan

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**Wednesday, July 6:** Edgar Rice Burroughs legendary character returns to cinemas in an action adventure which features True Blood's Alexander Skarsgard in the lead role with star-studded support from Margot Robbie, Oscar nominee Djimon Hounsou, Samuel L Jackson and

Oscar winners Jim Broadbent and Christoph Waltz.

Sir Kenneth Branagh and his co-director Rob Ashford have assembled a staggering cast for their production of Romeo and Juliet in the West End that includes Downton Abbey's Lily James, Game of Thrones Richard Madden (both pictured), Meera Syal and Derek Jacobi.

And that quality extends to the man charged with bringing the stage show to cinema screens across the country on July 7.

Looking for a director who would not only cover what happened on stage but transform it into something new and unique, he enlisted the man who directed him in the latest series of the acclaimed Wallander, Benjamin Caron.

As well as the Scandi-noir drama, Caron also worked with Branagh on last year's cinema screening of his version of The Winter's Tale and his other projects include Jay Z's intro film at Glastonbury and numerous Derren Brown shows. High profile upcoming gigs including Netflix's £100-million series The Crown and the last episode in the new run of Sherlock.

Caron told us: "I've just been working with Ken on Wallander. Off the back of that he came to me and said 'would you be interested in working with me and the company over the next year and doing Winter's Tale, Romeo and Juliet and the Entertainer.'"

Caron said working with five-time Oscar nominee and triple Bafta winner Branagh was 'a director's dream'.

He said: "All the way back when he was in his 20s doing Hamlet and more recently Cinderella (in which Branagh first cast both Madden and James) and Thor, he has many heads - the acting head, the directing head, even the producing head."

"For me, it's amazing. He is just an amazing resource to tap into and learn from. He understands where you're coming from."

He added: "To work with, I would say he is a director's dream. He wants you to come in and bring your take on it."

Broadcasting shows live on the big screen is relatively new but big businesses for cinemas and Caron is focussed on making the experience more than a taping of a show.

He said: "We're not just presenting the play to the screen but to find that middle ground between to allow the cinema audience the best seat in the house and for the film production to understand and be in partnership with what the production is doing."

Branagh and Ashford's production - which has won rave reviews - has a 1950s Italian look to it and Caron will riff on that with the broadcast, using black-and-white cinematography a la legendary director Federico Fellini.

"For us, it is not just about covering it, it is about trying to understand what

# What's on

Rob and Ken have put in the production and for us to sit in that sweet spot and give a flavour of that on screen."

As well as the style of shooting, the screenings include exclusive pre-show and interval content and Caron has been working with the cast and crew since the first rehearsal and filming previous performances to establish the best way of covering Shakespeare's famous romance.

He said: "Romeo and Juliet is one of the more famous Shakespeare plays and it is a story that no matter how many times it is told people are always interested in seeing other people's interpretations."

What Ken and Rob have done is quite different from anything else I have seen and I think audiences in the theatre and the cinema will be impressed."

On the horizon for Caron post-Romeo and Juliet is the mega-budget Netflix series The Crown, written by The Queen's Peter Morgan, which is about the monarchy post Second World War and will debut in November and a certain BBC drama that you may have heard of.

He said: "I've just started on Sherlock. It's a big gig. I cannot say one word about it. I've signed so many NDAs it's ridiculous. It's an exciting time."

**Branagh Theatre's Romeo and Juliet is broadcast live to cinemas on July 7. Go to [branaghtheatrelive.com](http://branaghtheatrelive.com)**

# A PERFECT MATCH

Director Benjamin Caron talks to JIM PALMER about Branagh Theatre's version of Romeo and Juliet which is being broadcast across the country next week



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# TALK TO SCACCHI

Emmy Award winning stage and screen actress Greta Scacchi will lay bare her career secrets in Clapham next month.

Scacchi will appear at Omnibus' seventh intimate In Conversation With... evenings which allow audience members to get up close and personal with some of the country's most respected actors.

Scacchi first found fame in Merchant Ivory's *Heat and Dust* and was acclaimed in *White Mischief* and Robert Altman's Oscar-nominated *The Player*.

More recently she played Countess Rostova in the BBC's *War and Peace* and will shortly return to the stage in the *West End*.

She will be interviewed by novelist and critic Peter Guttridge.

**Tickets cost £18 or £16. Go to [omnibus-clapham.org](http://omnibus-clapham.org)**



PATRICK DRAKE



# FRESH IDEAS

Summertime for some is filled with barbecues and ice creams and the opportunity to sink a few cold ones in a beer garden but apparently you can also eat healthily at this time of year too.

We enlisted the help of HelloFresh's co-founder and head chef Patrick Drake to set us straight.

He told us: "It is often easier to eat healthily in the summer with so much tasty fruit and veg in season and lighter meals seeming far more appealing."

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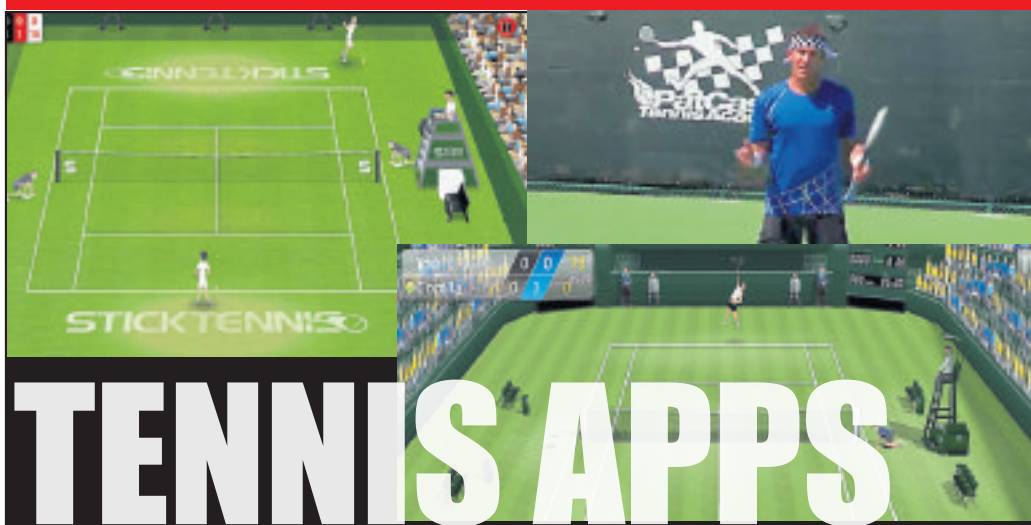
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# TENNIS APPS

We gave five of the best tennis apps on the Google app store a go on our Android phone to help you make the most of Wimbledon fever.

**Tennis 3D - Free:** If watching on the telly is too passive but getting out and swinging a racket about is too active then you'll be needing a good game. And let's be honest, you can't play actual tennis on the train even if you want to. Tennis 3D doesn't have any licences so you have to play as people called Dimotov and Anaju, who I don't think are actual tennisers. What the game does have, though, are pleasing graphics for a phone screen and a not-too-fiddly

control system that meant even I could hit the ball back, serve, slice and top spin. It has options for quick play and tournaments and clay, hard court and grass surfaces - the latter looking nicely like the All England Club.

**Pat Cash Tennis Coaching:** If you're like us, you're game could probably do with a little (Ok, a lot) of work. And who better than tips from former Wimbledon champ Pat Cash. It's totally free.

This little gem has so many videos to stream or download, broken down into technique, essential tips and drills for all standards and monthly tips. It also has exclusive interviews

and a little summary of Cash's career highlights. Good to know Cash still wears that checked bandana, too.

**Tennis In Your Face - £1.99:** A highly addictive cartoon-style platformer where you play as disgraced champ Pete Pagassi trying to find the source of the addictive (and presumably illegal) Explodz drink, serving balls at evil clowns etc to get through the levels. Good distracting, vaguely tennis, fun just like the old-school classic games like Angry Birds. Not sure it's worth paying for, though?

**Stick Tennis - Free:** If you love the classic and highly addictive Stick Cricket, you should

love Stick Tennis, right? Damn right. Considering you're controlling a stick man, the graphics are good. You can nominally be Andy Murray et al (I mean, they obviously bear little resemblance) and it's simple to pick up and play but tricky to master.

**The Championships, Wimbledon - Free:** The official app is invaluable. It tells you the latest championships news, the weather in Wimbledon, counts down to the day you plan to visit and helps you plan, let's you know who is playing and how they're getting on and is packed with stats and videos for all of your favourite players.

## WIMBLEDON FASHION

On court, the players are all right in all white but in the stands looking great at Wimbledon is a little trickier.

Taking a cue from Hollywood celebs and royals, stylist Naomi Isted has the guide for the key trends to be seen in at the All England Club. And Naomi also shares some looks you definitely don't want to be seen in.

**ACE:** Trends to look out for this summer include ruffles, floral print and summer pastels. Among Naomi's recommendations are a chic fitted pasted dresses teamed with a nude clutch and court shoe and oversized sunglasses, and a floral print with ruffles and a dainty clutch.

She said: "A key trend this year is ruffles but ruffles do not need to be over the top."

For men, Naomi tips blue as the colour to be seen in and recommends teaming a tailored light

blue suit with an on-trend grandad shirt.

If you're lucky enough to be in the Royal Box, it's simple: dress smart. For men, that means a suit/jacket and tie and for ladies it means smart but no hat, because they could obscure the view of the people behind.

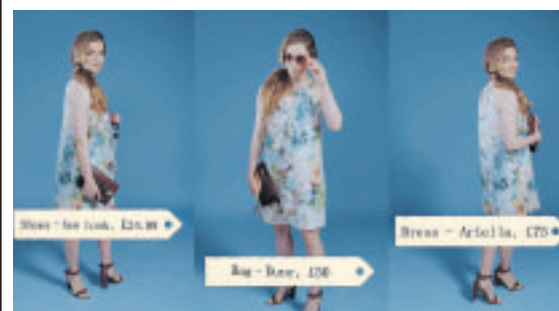
**FAULT:** And these are what you do not want to be seen in if you're planning to rub shoulders with the glitterati at Wimbledon this year.

**Ladies:** Shorts, torn or ripped clothes, camouflage colours, beach wear, flip flops, crop tops or anything baring the midriff.

**Gents:** Shorts, shirts without a collar, t-shirts or singlets, ripped or torn clothes, tracksuits, camouflage colours, beach wear, flip flops.

Naomi is working in association with Suuna Sunglasses at the Istituto Marangoni. Go to [suuna.co.uk](http://suuna.co.uk)

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Mr Osborne said he had spoken to Bank of England Governor Mark Carney and that there were "well thought through contingency plans if needed". This comes after David Cameron said he would step down as Prime Minister, staying in the post for three months to provide stability but that "fresh leadership" was needed. Meanwhile, Labour

leader Jeremy Corbyn was told he would face a leadership challenge if he refused to resign in the face of many frontbench resignations.

But what's the future of the UK housing market? Following the result, Ed Mead, Executive Director of estate agency Douglas & Gordon, had said on Friday that he believed there would be a London exodus: "Short term, we may see some positive news, with a cut in base rates and a possible tax-cutting emergency Budget... but this is likely to be a short-term gain, with London ultimately losing its hard-earned status as the world's financial capital, and global company boards relocating to capitals in the EU."

Meanwhile in the Brexit camp, Paul Smith, the Chief Executive of Spicerhaart, said a drop in prices would be unlikely. He welcomed the Leave result and called for confidence within the industry. "We've grasped a huge opportunity for the UK and we

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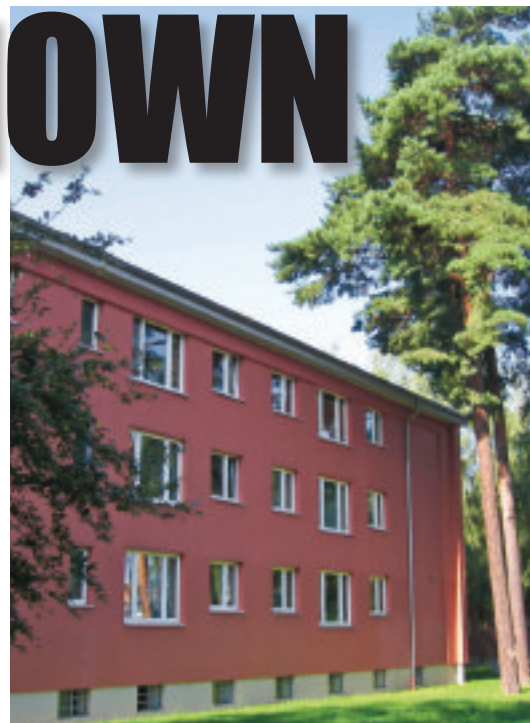
Prior to the result, the Treasury

said house prices could be hit by between 10% and 18% over the next two years, compared to where they otherwise would have been. And the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors had said uncertainty over the outcome had created the biggest fall in the number of people trying to buy a property since the financial crisis. Indeed, immediately following the result, experts predicted there would be a fall in transaction levels and a halt in price rises.

On Friday, some agents reported that buyers had immediately pulled out of deals. A spokesman for Chestertons said an agent had "lost three deals in just over an hour", but overseas investors had also made contact.

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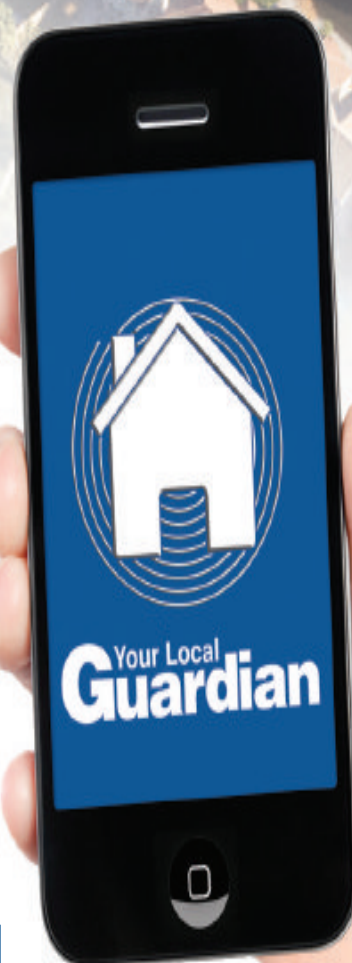
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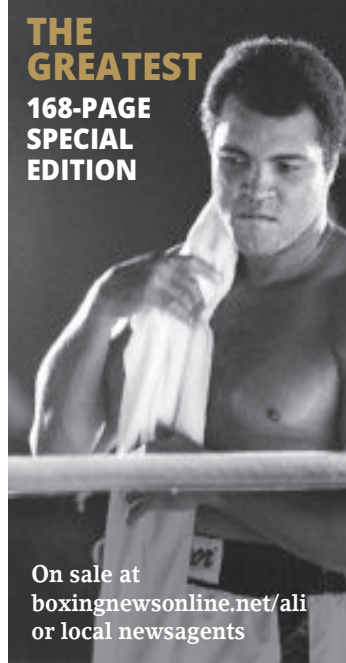
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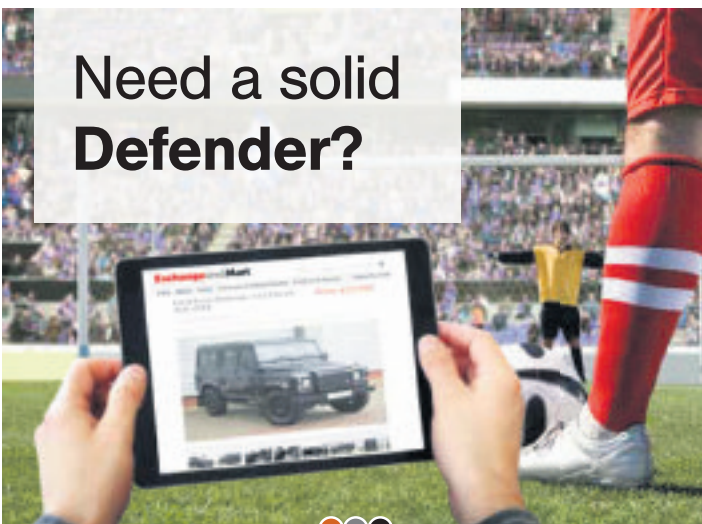
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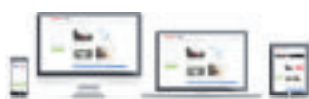


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Gone: Old Whits' Nikhil Patel claims Will Sabey's wicket

## Puckle's runs prove pointless

MALDEN Wanderers' number eight Giles Puckle did his best to dig his side out of a hole at Old Whitgiftians on Saturday, but instead watched the Stags drop into the Surrey Championship Division One relegation zone.

Puckle strode to the crease with his side 48 for six and helped them post 140 all out with an unbeaten 50 in the face of Nikhil Patel's 4-40.

The Old Boys eased to a four-wicket win – despite 3-31 from Wanderers' Will Sabey – that put skipper James Wackett's men in the dropzone.

Kingstonian strengthened their position at the top of Division Four with a 59-run win at Sanderstead that was set-up by Imran Khalid's 80 in Ks' 211 all out before Jahangir Mirza took 3-58 to dismiss the hosts for 152.

Fixtures: Chipstead Coulsdon & Walcottians v Malden Wanderers, Cobham Avonians v Kingstonian.

## Chess slip

WICKETKEEPER Matthew Alldis' 40 off 41 balls was not enough to steer Chessington to Surrey Championship Division Two victory over Esher at the Sir Francis Baker Ground on Saturday.

Alldis shared in a 54-run second wicket partnership with opener Prince Singh (23) but their dismissals – along with that of Colin Watson (32) – saw Chessington slump to 123 all out chasing the hosts' 148.



High five: Prince Singh, left, took a wicket and hit 23 runs

## INJURY NIGHTMARE: Striker Kempton reflects on what might have been

# Ex-K Jake not bitter

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AS a young footballer Jake Kempton had it all – a professional contract at Wolverhampton Wanderers, an England U18 call-up and seemingly on the way to the top of the game.

But fast forward just three years and the 22-year-old faces such an uncertain future in the game he is more concerned with getting his surveying qualifications at Guildford College of Further Education than pursuing a career kicking a ball.

Warringham-based Kempton, who works as a buyer for a construction company, scored one of Kingstonian's goals of the season last term and netted seven goals in 24 appearances for the club, but the story of his life – injury – robbed him of more.

A two-year scholarship at Wolverhampton Wanderers – after a spell with Fulham – had opened the door to a two-year professional contract at Molineux, but that is when

things went wrong.

"In my first year as a pro I had a meniscus tear in my right knee and I was out for eight months," he said.

"When I came back it turned out I had a cyst in the same knee, which had to be removed – that was another 10 or 11 months on the sidelines, by which time my contract was running out.

"The most frustrating thing is I was doing really well at Wolves. I was in the U21s as a 17-year-old and scored quite a few goals.

"I got a call to go away with the England U18s playing at Crewe against Poland, which would have been the highlight of my career.

"But I got injured and never went.

"I did a lot of work 24-7 at Wolves away from my family and it will always be a frustration it came to nothing.

"These things happen. You look back on those four-years as memories, but you cannot dwell on it too much.

"I'm still healthy and young and I'm sure if I stay fit for a season I will score goals.

## Operation clean up

OLD Emanuel RFC upgraded their training facilities on Saturday in time for the new Surrey Division One campaign.

A 20-strong workforce overhauled Old Es' clubhouse and weights room, right, ready for pre-season

training, which starts next Tuesday at the club's Shanon Corner base.

Director of rugby Fergus McCarthy led his men, who start the campaign at Purley John Fisher on September 10, to a sixth-place finish last term.



## SPORTSbrief



**ATHLETICS:** Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers' Pippa Earley, above, set a new U17 girls' heptathlon personal best of 4,860 points to claim a silver medal at the South East Schools Combined Events Championships at Lee Valley over the weekend. The 15-year-old won the 200m (26.1 seconds), 800m (2:18.0), 80m hurdles (11.6secs) and the long jump (5.77m), but 16th in the high jump (1.47m), fifth in the shot (10.62m) and sixth in the javelin (28.47m) proved costly. Southampton AC's Amaya Scott collected 4,920 points – a narrow winning margin of 60 points.

**TENNIS:** Kingston-based British tennis player Brydan Klein lost 6-7 4-6 4-6 to Frenchman Nicolas Mahut in the first round at the Wimbledon Championships on Monday. "I did the best I could and I'm happy with the way I played," he said. "Obviously I would have liked to win and I would have liked to have played a little bit better and maintained that first step, but it wasn't to be."

**ATHLETICS:** Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers' host Bedford & County, Bristol & West, Cardiff, Crawley, Kent, Notts and Swansea Harriers in the British Athletics League Division Two on Saturday. Kingston are currently third in the table behind leaders Cardiff and second-placed Swansea.

**FOOTBALL:** Kingstonian Ladies are in the hunt for a holding midfielder or two – among other positions – as they prepare for life in Great London Women's League Division One. Anyone interested can email [kingstonianfc-ladies@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonianfc-ladies@gmail.com).

**ATHLETICS:** Morpeth Harrier Andrew Lawrence clocked 16 minutes 19 seconds to win the Bushy Park park run on Saturday, with Michelle Dillon (17:54) the first woman home in 10th. Matt Shields won the Kingston event in 18:22, with Stragglers Running Club's Maddie Garner (20:01) the first woman home.

**RUGBY:** Kingston RFC, relegated last term, will begin life in Surrey Division Two with the visit of Streatham-Croydon on September 24.



Long road back: Jake Kempton, who scored seven goals for Kingstonian last term, is having to find his way back into football away from Kingsmeadow

"If I can stay fit people will see what sort of player I am. I back myself to score goals at this level."

## Wimbledon hero Willis hails Surbiton coach

British tennis player and world number 775 Marcus Willis drew inspiration from Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club when he took on former world number one Roger Federer at the Wimbledon

Championships this week.

The 25-year-old, coached by the club's head of performance tennis Matt Smith, beat Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis – the world number 54 – 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in SW19 on Monday to

set up a dream second round clash with the Swiss legend.

Qualifier Willis was a self-confessed overweight loser before hooking up with Smith.

"My lifestyle wasn't good.

I didn't have the drive. But I found it three years ago," he said.

"I worked very hard with my coach in Surbiton. Ridiculous times in the morning. Ran myself into the ground."

## GB driven on by misery

SURBITON star Georgie Twigg says a miserable Champions Trophy campaign has made Team GB's hockey women determined to medal at the 2016 Olympics.

Great Britain, who started the tournament ranked sixth in the world, won only one game – Sunday's 4-3 fifth and sixth place play-off triumph over New Zealand – suffering pool defeats to the Kiwis, Holland, Australia and the USA, plus a draw with Argentina.

Twigg and clubmates Hollie Webb and Giselle Ansley were this week named in the British squad bound for

Brazil in August, where they hope to better the bronze medal they won at the 2012 London Games.

"The tournament did not go as we would have hoped, but we have stayed strong as a squad and have learned lots," she said.

"It has made us even hungrier to do well out in Rio."

She added: "I'm absolutely over the moon and so excited to be selected. It is an exciting couple of months ahead."

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Triple whammy: Surbiton trio Hollie Webb, Georgie Twigg and Giselle Ansley are on the way to Rio



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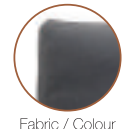
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